

TOWN OF AMHERST PUBLIC NOTICE

VOTERS!

Important Reminder:

Tuesday, June 2, 2020 is last day to change your party before the
Sept. 8th State Primary

Although you are welcome to change your party via the methods listed below prior to the June 2nd deadline, the Amherst Supervisors of the Checklist will be holding a session on Tuesday, June 2 between 7:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m at the Amherst Town Hall. **Please note that this will be the last time currently registered voters may change their party affiliation prior to the September State Primary.**

Given the need to adjust business as usual to enable voters to transact business safely, the Amherst Supervisors of the Checklist are meeting in the Town Clerk's office between 7 and 7:30 p.m. by appointment with outside window access only.

If you are currently registered and wish to change your party or are a new voter wishing to register, you will need to call the Town Clerk at 673-6041 X-208 to make an appointment during our session. We would like to encourage you to change your party or register if a new voter in advance of the June 2 deadline through the Town Clerk's office during regular business hours.

How to change your party prior to the June 2 deadline:

- 1) First, check your current party status by going to <http://app.sos.nh.gov> or you can make an appointment to see the printed checklist through the Town Clerk after May 22 when it will be posted.

Note: It is important that you do this as people often forget the party in which they were last registered and are disappointed to find that their options on Primary Election Day are different than they expected.

- 2) You may change your party by filling out a card at the Town Clerk's office or at a publicly noticed Supervisor Session. (currently by appointment only at the outside window)
- 3) The Secretary of the State's Office has also authorized a means of changing your party via mail so that voters may do so without in-person contact.
Download the change party form located on the Secretary of State's website <https://sos.nh.gov/ElecForms2.aspx> or request that the form be sent to you or pick one up at the Town Clerk's office by appointment.
 - To change party affiliation, a voter must mail a completed application, signed by the voter and a witness, to the town clerk's office prior to the deadline (in this case, June 2 for the Sept. 8 State Primary). Alternately, a voter may drop off their application at the Town Clerk's office by 5:00 on Tuesday, June 2, 2020. There is a drop box in the front hallway of the Town Clerk's office.

Amherst Town Clerk
2 Main St.
Amherst, NH 03031
603-673-6041 Ext. 208 (Tel.)
603-673-4138 (Fax)
Email: lfucci@amherstnh.gov.

If you are a new voter wanting to register, here are your options:

If you are a new voter and you want to register, you may do so at the scheduled Supervisor Session but in an effort to limit in-person contact we would like to encourage you to either register by appointment with the Town Clerk during regular business hours or wait until after June 2 and register, secure an absentee ballot if you wish one and vote via mail once the ballots have been printed.

You may register with the Town Clerk's office up to 10 days before an election or at the polls on Election Day. The Supervisors of the Checklist will also offer advertised Saturday opportunities to register during the months leading up to the September Primary. We will post the dates and locations once we know more.

Again, we would hope that people would register by appointment or mail rather than waiting until Election Day as the fewer in-person Election Day registrants the better because we anticipate long wait times at the polls due to social distancing requirements. Call the Town Clerk's Office (673-6041 X-208) to request a new voter/absentee ballot packet or to inquire about absentee ballots.

Please visit the Amherst town website to see what qualifications and documents you will need to register. <https://amherstnh.gov/supervisors-checklist>

New Absentee Ballot Information

It's important to note that the Secretary of State's Office has issued revised absentee ballot qualifications for the September Primary and November elections. In order to enable people to safely vote in NH during the pandemic, those who wish to vote by mail due to concerns over COVID19 exposure, can qualify by checking the disability box to receive an absentee ballot. See the official announcement below:

Absentee Ballots

1. Municipal Elections to be held in 2020

With respect to any upcoming municipal elections, we offer the following guidance as to who is eligible to vote by absentee ballot in light of the current public health crisis. As explained below, in light of the current public health state of emergency, Emergency Orders #16 and #26, and current public health guidance on social distancing and avoiding being in public in groups of 10 or more, all voters have a reasonable ground to conclude that a "physical disability" exists within the meaning of RSA 657:1. Therefore, all voters may request an absentee ballot on that basis

Once the ballots are printed and ready to be distributed, you can request an absentee ballot through the Town Clerk and return it by mail, or physically return it to the outside window of the Town Clerk's office by 5:00 the Monday before the election or have your delivery agent drop it off at the polls before 5:00 pm on Election Day.

Note: Any additional changes will be updated as they are received from the Secretary of State's Office.

Please address any questions about voter registration and absentee ballots to the Town Clerk by calling 673-6041 Ext. 208. If you're unsure of your current voter registration status, you may review the paper checklist located at the Town Hall (available after May 22) or go online to check it at:
<http://app.sos.nh.gov>